

SECURING TALENT FOR CHURCH USE

Eloquent Sermon Delivered by Rev. J. E. Connor of Moline at the Milan Camp Meeting.

GETTING MEN FOR THE SERVICE

Show How Cause of Christ Must Perpetuate Itself by Developing New Workers.

At the afternoon service at the Milan camp meeting yesterday the sermon was delivered by Rev. J. E. Connor of Moline, who spoke on the topic, "Finding Talent for the Church." The speaker took as his text I. Timothy 1:18. "This charge I commit unto thee, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that thou by them mayest war a good warfare."

"This is Paul's charge to his son in the gospel," Mr. Connor said. "It is that he may war a good warfare. He says he was led to give him this charge by prophecies or according to prophecies which led the way to him. By that we understand the apostle to mean that he had been led to select Timothy for the work of the ministry by prophecy, or in other words that he had been led by God to lay his hands on Timothy and put him in the work of the Lord. It was as if the Lord had said plainly to him, when he came to know Timothy, 'I want this man in my work.' He felt perfectly certain he was carrying out the Lord's purpose when he was leading Timothy into this work."

What I was concerned about today is this: What were the subjective conditions that made possible such a man as Paul? This it seems to me, is a very important question to the Christian worker of today. It was no small distinction to have been the discoverer of Timothy. Paul was doing this for the cause when he went into the field. Perhaps it is because there are not more such discoverers in the church today that the work of the ministry is so hard to keep full of the best men. It will pay us to try a little while to meditate upon this question.

Paul's Devotion.

I am persuaded that Paul found Timothy or was attracted to Timothy because he was Paul. In other words, because he was devoted himself to the cause of Christ, because it was so fully upon his mind and heart, because he was thinking of the need of workers and looking for them. It was because he was of such intimate acquaintance with the Lord that the Lord could direct him in such an important matter. To put it plainly, it was the very same thing in Paul in reference to the work of Christ that we look for in men of the world in regard to the things that are of most interest to them. They are ever alert and eager in the search for those who can be used in the furtherance of their projects. How keenly the great capitalists of industry are looking among the young for those with great talents that may be turned to account in their great industrial enterprises. It is something like this in the work of the church that must turn us into discoverers of those who can be used in the service of our Master. I was once told that a certain great layman in one of our churches was the find of a certain minister. When that pastor went to that church, that layman was just a church member, nothing more. What he became afterward was due to the fact that that minister saw in him talents that were not being used in the service of the church which might be developed and he went to work to develop them.

This is just what we need, and must have if we are to be more fruitful in finding young men and women for the work of our Lord. The cause must be upon our hearts more than it is.

Another fact in reference to this subject is this, that after all it is a question of men more than anything else. Everything depends upon men. With the right kind of men in the work of the kingdom there can be no failure. It is that way with the church as it is with other things. Get the right men interested in any enterprise and everything else will come. Some churches succeed and others fail. It is always a question of the men and women in the churches. We ought to feel that our search for men is more important than our search for money, for anything else, in fact. He who leads men and women into the service of Jesus Christ is doing wonders for the kingdom. To be so consecrated that God can direct us to those He would have in His service is to be most genuinely useful."

Expect Big Day Sunday.

The directors of the camp ground association are holding their business meetings today.

The management of the camp meeting is looking forward to a big day tomorrow. Weather has interfered with some of the meetings during the week, but the weather man promises to be good on Sunday, and with the special program that has been prepared, it is expected that a large number of visitors will come to the services. The speaker at the morning service is to be Dr. O. T. Dwinell, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, and the afternoon speaker will be Dr. Frank Cole, pastor of St. John's Methodist church of Davenport.

Services in the Churches

EPISCOPAL—

Trinity Episcopal church, Nineteenth street and Sixth avenue. Rev. E. Gravelle H. Sherwood, rector. Services at 7:30 and 10:45 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

CHRISTIAN—

Memorial Christian, corner Third avenue and Fifteenth street. Rev. M. E. Chaffey, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Senior and intermediate Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Second Christian, corner Sixth street and Thirtieth avenue. W. B. Stine, pastor. Bible school at 9:10 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Fifteenth Avenue Christian, corner Fifteenth avenue and Thirtieth street. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST—

First Baptist, corner Third avenue and Fifteenth street. Rev. H. W. Reed, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Edgewood Baptist, corner Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue. Rev. J. C. H. Reed, acting pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sweden Baptist, corner Twenty-first street and Fifth avenue. Rev. E. A. Carlson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:10 a. m. Swedish services at 11:00 a. m. People's meeting at 8 p. m.

McKinley Baptist (colored), Tenth street and Sixth avenue. Services at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN—

Central Presbyterian, corner of Fourteenth street and Tenth avenue. Rev. David A. Johnson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. Rev. D. A. Johnson will again occupy the pulpit tomorrow morning and preach on the theme, "Woe and Prayer." Evening service is omitted.

Broadway Presbyterian, corner of Twenty-third street and Seventh avenue. Rev. James Edgar Wilson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning topic: "Paul Was Not Discouraged." Evening service in charge of session with Dr. J. W. Stewart as leader. Topic: "A Basis of Sound Belief."

South Park Presbyterian—Corner of Thirtieth street and Fifteenth avenue. Rev. W. S. Ogilvie, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Allen street chapel, Allen street, South Rock Island. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

United Presbyterian, Third avenue and Fourteenth street. Rev. J. L. Vance, pastor. Bible school at 9:15 a. m. Young People's Christian union at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Oak Grove United Presbyterian—Twenty-fourth street and Nineteenth avenue. Rev. J. S. Lague, acting pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Hugh A. Ralston, superintendent.

Millan Presbyterian, Rev. W. H. Shaw, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer services Wednesday evening at 7:30.

METHODIST—

First Methodist, corner Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street. Rev. O. T. Dwinell, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Spencer Memorial Methodist, corner Forty-third street and Seventh avenue. Rev. W. H. Tope, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. F. E. Sligh, formerly pastor of the church, now pastor of the German church, will preach at the evening service. The pastor's morning theme is "Transformation of the Christian."

German Methodist, corner Fourth street and Sixth avenue. Rev. H. J. Kettelkamp, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Free Methodist, 1529 Ninth avenue. Rev. J. G. Rockenbach, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Love feast at 10 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Millan Methodist, Rev. Alfred Dixon, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Epworth league at 6:45 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Wayman African M. E. (colored), corner Fifth-and-a-half street and Thirtieth street. Rev. James L. Wharton, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Grace English Lutheran, corner Seventh avenue and Forty-fourth street. Rev. Ira O. Nothstein, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

German Evangelical, corner Twelfth street and Twelfth avenue. Rev. F. J. Rolf, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Immanuel's German Lutheran, Twentieth street and Fifth avenue. Rev. Ph. Wilhelm, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15. Services at 10:30 a. m.

CATHOLIC—

St. Joseph's parish church, Second avenue and Fourteenth street; Father

J. J. Quinn, rector, dean; Father Frank Cleary, assistant rector. Masses at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Week day masses at 7 a. m.

Sacred Heart parish church, Fifth avenue and Twenty-eighth street; Father Clement P. O'Neill, rector. Masses at 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Evening prayer (when said) at 7:30. Week-day mass at 7:30 a. m.

St. Mary's church (German and English), Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street; Father Peter Kluck, rector. First mass at 8 o'clock. English sermon. Second mass at 10:15. German sermon. Sunday school at 2:30. Vespers and benediction at 5.

St. Paul's church (Belgian), Twenty-fourth street and Eighth-and-a-half avenue; Father P. Holvoet, rector. Mass at 8 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

SCIENTIST—

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 825 Twenty-third street. Sunday service at 10:45 a. m. Subject lesson, "Jesus Christ."

The church maintains a free reading room in the People's National Bank building, which is open every week day from 11:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. and every Saturday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. All authorized literature on Christian Science may be read or purchased.

WEST END SETTLEMENT—

West End Settlement, 423 Seventh avenue. Services at 10:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. W. B. Barker, superintendent. Cottage prayer meeting Monday; mid-week service Wednesday and tarrying meeting Friday.

The local class of the International Bible Students meets at Odd Fellows hall, Fourth avenue near Eighteenth street, Sunday at 9:30 a. m. for a second session.

Gospel meetings will be held at the Seary town hall Sunday at 2 p. m. William H. Oldham of Clinton, Iowa, will be in charge of the services. Meetings will be held the last Sunday of every month conducted by Mr. Oldham.

Church of the Brethren—Rev. D. A. Rothel, pastor. Services at Industrial hall, Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Evening services at 7:30 p. m.

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. At Armory hall, Sixteenth street and Third avenue. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m. In charge of Superintendent, L. M. Harris. Sunday school at 1:45 and preaching at 2:30 o'clock in charge of William Willista, presiding elder. Seats are free and no collection is taken.

Zion Tabernacle—Meeting at Industrial hall, Moline. Zion Junior bible school every Lord's day at 2 p. m. Descombes Clark, monitor in charge. Principal service at 2 p. m. Divine service Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Praise and prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Trinitarian immersion by river following the afternoon service tomorrow.

Progressive Spiritualist church—Services every Sunday night at 7:45 at Odd Fellows hall, Fifth and Brady streets. Davenport. Messages received every Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Odd Fellows' hall. Mrs. Nettie Stockwell, speaker.

MINNEAPOLIS MAN EXTENDED A CALL

Rev. Paul W. Rood May Succeed Rev. A. M. Johanson of Mission Tabernacle.

Announcement was made this morning by J. A. Wrenman of the church board that call has been extended to the Rev. Paul W. Rood, now of Minneapolis, to come to Moline as pastor of the Mission Tabernacle, succeeding Rev. A. M. Johanson, resigned. It is not known whether the Rev. Mr. Rood will accept but expectation is that he will.

Mr. Johanson will leave Moline during November, according to the rule in vogue of giving notice of three months. The Rev. Mr. Rood will be in Moline and fill the pulpit Sunday, Sept. 5, and will probably give a definite answer soon after that date. If he accepts the call it will then be necessary for him to give his congregation three months' notice, so that the pulpit here will probably be vacant for a short time.

There are still three survivors of the original Mormon band to find its way into the valley of the Great Salt Lake in 1847. One is Lorenzo Schiesski Young, who belonged to the third "ten" of the original company, to which Brigham Young also belonged. His first home was a wagon box lifted from its trucks and supported by posts.

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BAPTISTS READY FOR ALEDO MEET

Seventy-second Anniversary of the Rock Island Association Planned for Next Week.

SEVERAL AUXILIARIES GATHER

Woman's Missionary Society, Young People's Union and Sunday School to Talk Problems.

(Special to The Argus).

Aledo, Ill., Aug. 25.—The 72nd anniversary meeting of the Rock Island Baptist association will be held at the Baptist church in this city on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 26, Sept. 1 and 2, 1915. In connection with the meeting of the association will be held the meetings of the Woman's Missionary society, the Baptist Young People's union and the Sunday school convention, all auxiliary organizations of the Baptist church. Following are the programs for the several sessions.

Sunday school convention Tuesday evening.

Song service.

Address of Welcome—L. L. Minon.

Response—President W. L. Campbell.

Address—"Get Across," Rev. W. B. Morris.

Wednesday morning, 8:45.

Praise and Devotional Service—Rev. A. E. Powell.

Business.

Address—"Why I Believe in the Conversion of Children," Rev. A. Campbell.

Address—"Efficient Teaching," Rev. J. C. H. Reed, Ph. D.

Discussion.

Rock Island Baptist association, Wednesday morning 10:00.

Praise Service—Moderator, Rev. J. M. Osburn.

Annual Sermon—Rev. L. E. Ellison.

Report of nominating committee.

Reading church letters.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional Services—Rev. E. E. Evans.

Reading Church Letters—Continued.

Reports.

Address—"State Convention," Rev. E. P. Brand, D. D.

Address—"Central Baptist Children's Home," Rev. D. H. McGilvray.

Quiet Hour—Dr. H. W. Reed, Ph. D.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Praise Service—Rev. C. L. Edwards.

Address—"The Five Years Upward Movement or the Five-fold Goal of the Denomination," Rev. E. P. Brand, D. D.

Address—"China," Rev. George H. Wallis, Secretary, China.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Business.

Ten Minute Address—Subject, "The Church, What Should It Exhibit?"

"Doctrinally"—Rev. L. W. Hostetter.

"Socially"—Rev. W. H. Parker.

"Religiously"—Rev. W. E. Anderson.

Discussion.

Quiet Hour—Dr. H. W. Reed, Ph. D.

Woman's Missionary Society, Thursday afternoon, 1:45.

Devotional Service—Mrs. Thomas Dittor.

Letter from Miss Martha M. Troock.

"The Landing Place"—Mrs. Ida Golden.

Poem—"The Laborers in the Vineyard," Mrs. R. H. Hoffman.

Addresses—"The Orient and Opportunity," Dr. Etta Hilton, president Chicago association.

Miss Ella D. McLaurin, General Field Secretary W. B. F. M. S.

R. V. P. C. session Thursday afternoon, 4:00.

Business.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Song service.

Five minute reports by appointed representatives from each union.

Special Music—Male Quartet.

Address—Rev. J. F. Mills, Ph. D.

Awarding of banner.

Adjournment of association.

Rain Spoils Picnic.

The picnic planned by the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors of the city to be held at South Park in this city on Thursday was somewhat spoiled by the rain and had to be held indoors. There was a very good attendance and a fine picnic dinner was served in the Woodman hall. A very interesting program, consisting of an address of welcome by E. E. Boultonhouse of this city and addresses on the work of the orders by Mr. O. E. Alshire, state deputy of the Modern Woodmen and Mrs. Ellen Miller of Decatur, past state orator of the Royal Neighbors, was given. The athletic program could not be carried out on account of the rain. Prizes were given to the Woodman and the Royal Neighbors who have been members of the orders for the greatest number of years and were awarded to W. Egbert of Millersburg and Mrs. Isaac Close of this city, both of whom had been members for 25 years. Music was furnished by the Aledo band.

The second annual Abington-Millersburg picnic will be held at Van Eaton's grove between Aledo and Seaton on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1915. A big program of band concerts, baseball games, athletic sports and literary and musical numbers will be given and liberal prizes are offered by merchants of Aledo and Seaton in the athletic events.

Hon. George H. Cooke of this city will deliver the principal address of the day. The picnic is given by the people of Abington and Millersburg townships and the people of the entire county are invited to attend. President J. E. Greer and Secretary H. C. Douglass are working industriously to make the picnic a great success.

Mercer County Schools.

The following items pertaining to the schools of Mercer county were given by County Superintendent C. I. Gregory in his report for last year. The number of persons in the county between the ages of 6 and 21 years is 5,280. Of these 2,740 are boys and 2,540 are girls.

The number of pupils enrolled in the

What the General Council Is

BY GRANT HULTBERG.

The general council of the Lutheran church which begins its biennial convention in Rock Island Sept. 9, is a council of synods. It federates on the basis of a common faith a number of synods, each of which has and conducts its own work in its own way.

These synods which are connected with the council at the present time numbering 13, represent in about equal proportion mainly three languages: English, Swedish and German. There are, however, connected with the council congregations using a number of other languages. Among these are Slovak, Finnish, Lettish, Magyar, Slovenian, Italian, as also Icelandic and Danish Lutheran synods are found in the general council. This is a suggestion of the polyglot character of the Lutheran church which in some sections is looked upon as a German church, while others think it is Scandinavian, when the fact is it is the most polyglot Protestant denomination in the world.

The general council itself was a result from loose practices which had crept into the Lutheran church of 50 years ago from the influence of the various sects and what was known as "new measures." It was the direct result of a protest of the old Pennsylvania ministerium, the oldest synod of the Lutheran church in America, against the admission into fellowship of the general body, the general synod of the Frankan synod which did not subscribe to the Lutheran creeds and for this reason was not properly recognized as a part of the great Lutheran church.

This fact led the body to emphasize the historic creeds of the church, all of which are found in the book of concord and which have come down to the present generation as a great historic legacy from the reformation period in the 16th century. To these have been added as a guiding principle of faith and practice, the "Fundamental Principles of Faith and Church Policy." This is a remarkable document and states the unity of the faith of this body which has long since passed the point when there were any controversies as to what is the true faith. Their work is rather the discussions of the problems of propagating that faith and developing the various works which are the logical fruits of it.

The synods which today comprise the general council are as follows: The ministerium of Pennsylvania, which is the oldest Lutheran body in America and which has in its connection some of the old religious organizations of any creed on the continent. This old synod was founded by the patriarch Muenchberg, who was assisted in the founding by the Swedish Lutherans on the Delaware so that through this old synod Swedish and Germans have been linked from earliest times, even as today they are bound with the Germans into a union with the English which makes a triumvirate of great power and influence in Lutheran circles. This old synod is today one of the active and strong bodies of the Lutheran church. It has furnished to the general council many of its great leaders including its present eminent president, Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk of Lebanon, Pa. With him there will be 72 delegates to represent this old synod at Rock Island. They represent a synod which numbers 406 pastors, 578 congregations and 160,000 communicants. This old synod furnished to the United States many eminent men including General Peter Muhlenberg of Revolutionary fame, his brother, the first speaker of the United States house of representatives as well as the brother of these two one of America's most noted humanitarians. These three eminent men were sons of the founder of organized Lutheran work in America. Their record should establish the right of Lutherans to claim true Americanism and to a part in the credit of having made our country.

The New York ministerium is another historic body. It is the second oldest Lutheran synod in America. Three times it has swarmed, sending off a strong English synod each time. It is today a large body with more than half of its congregations using English and some of them among the strongest parishes numerically in Greater New York. Among its 30 delegates will be some of the representatives of the Metropolitan pulpit. With this delegation and working in complete harmony with the New York and New England synod delegation. This is the youngest English child of this German mother synod, which has connected with it a chain of magnificent city churches stretching from Buffalo to Boston.

The Pittsburgh synod, often styled the "Missionary synod," is of special interest at this time for two reasons. Among its founders was the late Rev. schools is 4,116. There are 119 school districts in the county which employ 174 teachers, 23 men and 151 women. The average salary of the men is \$710.19, average salary of the women is \$478.05. Of the 119 districts of Mercer county 112 maintain school libraries containing 14,700 books.

Wonderful Linen Breeches.

A. O. Bunnell of Danville has in his possession a petition which was circulated in his village in 1878 and signed by well known people, remarking the "Linen Breeches." The petition appeals to a prominent citizen to wear his linen breeches. It seems that this gentleman had a pair of linen breeches and every time he wore them rain fell. In 1878 there was a long continued drought in Danville and thereabouts, and the citizens decided to appeal to Matthew McCarty to wear his linen breeches "in order that the parched up earth, low streams, dry wells and cisterns may be replenished with a bountiful supply of water." Mr. McCarty

Dr. Passavant, the great American Lutheran philanthropist who was the devoted and true friend of the Swedish Lutherans in their pioneer struggles in this country. It was he who counseled with the sainted Dr. Hasselquist, Ekblom and Olsson and gave valuable aid in the founding of the first churches and institutions including the educational and charitable institutions of the Swedish church. This synod will be represented by a delegation which includes in addition to its very young salaried president, the Rev. G. F. Gehr, at least two of the veterans of the general council, the Rev. Dr. H. W. Rood, who was the very first secretary and who has attended the majority of the conventions since that time. With him will come the Rev. E. Belfour, D. D. of Pittsburgh, who although long since past his 80th year is still vigorous and active. He is a Danish Lutheran who has spent more than sixty years as an English Lutheran pastor. Since 1888 he has been found almost regularly on the floor of the general council.

The district synod of Ohio, once was English only; but now is English-German. Its delegation will include another veteran of the general council, the Rev. G. W. Meckling, who was present at the first regular convention in Fort Wayne, Ind., and who has been present at more conventions than any other one person.

The largest synod, although far from the oldest, is the Swedish Augustana synod. This synod has produced by the early Swedish history and is today doing an aggressive work in English to conserve the future of what today stands out as one of the most vigorous and successful Lutheran enterprises on this western continent. This will be the fourth time that the council is the guest of Swedish churches and the 14th time that the sessions have been held in communities in which the Swedish synod is well represented. Being held in the very heart of the Augustana synod and that body being today the largest synod in the council, having nearly 700 ministers and about 1,300 congregations, it is but natural to expect that there will be a very large Swedish list of delegates, probably as many as ninety. The Augustana synod was represented at the first regular convention of the general council by Rev. Hasselquist, Hattestadt and Carlsson. The leaders of the synod have always been active and influential in the deliberations of the council and headed by men like Dr. Johnstam and Brandefelde, born leaders their large delegation will be very influential in shaping legislation this year.

Canada, too, will be well represented, for the council is an international body. There are four organized synods in Canada, besides a missionary conference of the Augustana synod. All will be represented. The old German synod of Canada and its English daughter cover the central portion of Canada. Together in perfect harmony they support a college and theological seminary at Waterloo, Ont. As an illustration of the way these people work together, this school started by the Germans sent its first graduate, a Swede, into parish work as an English Lutheran minister. The synod of Manitoba, a missionary synod, the work of which has naturally been hampered by the terrible world war and the synod of far off Nova Scotia will all have delegations on the floor of the convention.

The Chicago synod, an English body covering in addition to Illinois, Indiana and Michigan and the synod of the northwest, are both purely English bodies. The latter is of interest